GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4482
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INDO BANGLA WATER ACCORD
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Indo-Bangla Desh Accord on the Downstreamof Ganga, both Bihar and West Bengal are facing acute waterlevel problem in the Ganga in the lean months;

(b) if so, whether any complaint has been lodged by Bihar and West Bengal Governments to re-negotiate the matter with Bangla Desh pertaining to the allocation of Ganga river water; and

(c) if so, the steps the Government are contemplating to take to maintain the viability and availability of required water in Ganga at the downstream of Bihar and West Bengal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Treaty pertains to sharing of the Ganga waters at Farakka between India and Bangladesh. At the downstream of Farakka, the river Ganga is flowing only through West Bengal. The Government of West Bengal has intimated that the effect of the Treaty is under observation.

(b) No such complaint has been lodged by the State Governments of West Bengal and Bihar.

(c) Does not arise.